

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical modulator includes a p- or n-type semiconductor layer that is provided at an upper part of an optical waveguide path, and modulating electrodes
5 that are provided at intervals on the semiconductor layer in an extension area of the optical waveguide path. The semiconductor layer has first regions located immediately under the modulating electrodes, and second regions located between the first regions.
10 The second regions have separators that electrically separate the first regions from one another.